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ASHLAND, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1889.

Bible Chronology.

Bro. Mason has more to say on the age of man in the way of a reply to an item which he copies in his article.

The item was not intended as a bluff to his argument, at all, but a retort to the general nonsense originated by skeptical brains about the age of man and the time required to do the works now discovered on the continents of Asia and Africa.

It is the varietal nonsense to suppose that Noah was the progenitor of a race of fools, which one would infer from the writings of scientists, and God had to nurse his children for ages before they were competent to do anything in higher mechanics, extensive enough to build the stately objects which are now found in ruins.

We attribute to Noah and his family the same degree of native ingenuity and aptness to acquire knowledge that now exists. One thing is sure, Noah was no slouch as a mechanic or he never would have been able to design and build that wonderful ark. So far as chronology is concerned, Bishop Usher's is approximately correct, and there is no ground in the Bible, in the formation of the earth or anywhere else, to deny it. The rejection of Usher's chronology is a kind of boyish infidelity that ministers of Christ should be ashamed to keep company with.

Usher's Chronology, excepting a few errors which have been corrected by Bible students, is in the main Bible chronology, given by the authority of the Spirit of God, and if this will not satisfy a believer in God, he is not competent to be made satisfied.

The Bible gives the time of the existence of the present world in plain figures, and if any man wants to know the length of its duration he has only to gather up the figures and make the

proper calculations, and he will have it near enough to satisfy any one who is contented to attend to his own business in his relation to God and works of righteousness.

Bishop Usher does not deal with the formative period of the earth. His chronology is a chronology of the race of Adam. He commences with Adam, and if six thousand years were spent in forming the earth, or sixty thousand, Usher's chronology has nothing to do with that. If any other man wants Usher's chronology, he can get it at the same place—in the Bible. Genesis 5: 3 to 8: 15 gives you 1656 years, to the flood. Genesis 11: 10 to 11: 32 gives you 427 years.

The next period is quite obscure in the Old Testament, but fortunately, for his own wise purposes, God gave it to man by the mouth of St. Paul. Gal. 3: 17. It is 430 years. The period from the Exodus to the Distribution of the land of Canaan. Num. 10: 11 to 13: 25, and 45 years, Josh 14. In all 46 years. The period of the Judges then follows lasting 450 years, and the Kings ending with Zedekiah's reign, making in all, according to the Bible, 513 years. Here Bible Chronology ends, and from this point, recourse must be had to secular chronology. In 536 B. C. the seventy years of desolation ended, which added to the above will give the correct chronology down to 536 B. C.; namely:

Adam to the flood	1656
To the Abrahamic Covenant	427
To the Exodus and giving of the Law	430
To the division of Canaan	46
To the period of the Judges	450
To the commencement of the desolation	513
	3,522

Thus it is seen that the commencement of the desolation ended 3522 years, according to the Bible. This differs from Usher's Chronology about 100 years. He ignored Paul in fixing the period of the Judges, and made it 100 years shorter.

In the year of the world, 3522, Nebuchadnezzar had carried Daniel, with others, into captivity, and he had a dream wherein he saw a wonderful tree whose branches reached unto heaven. See Daniel, 4th chapter, and read it. Daniel interpreted the dream and said the tree was Nebuchadnezzar, and that he should become as a beast and seven times should pass over him. Nebuchadnezzar was typical of the Gentile ages and his seven years of beastliness, typical of the seven times of the Gentile supremacy and authority. This was about B. C. 606, the commencement of the captivity.

A time is 360 years. $360 \times 7 = 2520$ years.
Time to Nebuchadnezzar 3522
Seven times of Gentile supremacy 2520

Thus it is seen that this chronology would make the world 6042 years old.

Now to find out how much of time we have lived, the sum will be about as follows:

To Nebuchadnezzar	3522
To A. D. 1	606
To A. D. 1890	1890
	6018

6018 subtracted from 6042 years would leave us 24 years of time yet for Gentile rule. 1890

x 24 would end the time of Nebuchadnezzar's great tree and the stump in the ground, and then Christ will begin to reign in the kingdoms of the world. At that time also the kingdoms of this world will confess Christ, as Nebuchadnezzar confessed the God of heaven, after his 2520 days of insanity, (Daniel 4: 34,) when his reason was restored to him. Now these are the hand-writings of God, and to deny them is infidelity. We do not claim that the figures are correct to the year, but in the name of God's Bible we do claim that they are approximately correct; at least sufficiently correct that they should engage the serious attention of every child of God, as the time of the end is at hand.

These sums may not seem to be pertinent as a reply to Bro. Mason's article, and they are not given as such, but to put our readers on their guard against running after the foolish chronology of scientists who build their whole structure upon comparisons without the same existing conditions and mere supposition.

We are not running after Bishop Usher, but we do propose to run after God, when he has given the whole time of man's years under the dominion of sin, in figures so plain that every one ought to be able to see them. A little good sense properly utilized will show any one that there is no argument against Bible chronology in the ruins found on the continents of Asia and Africa.

After the flood Noah turned three sons with their wives out to people the earth again. We will suppose the ratio of increase to be ten, which is large, but it is no unusual thing to find ten children in a family, in that time their lives were longer and everything favorable for a rapid increase. Noah's sons gave thirty children to the world. Dividing them equal, there would then be fifteen married couple to father the next generation. In all ages the per cent of females has been greater than males, and it is safe, therefore, to estimate that half were females competent to be mothers. The increase would then be as follows:

NUMBERS	YRS.
Noah's sons—3.	1
30	20
150	40
750	60
3750	80
18750	100

In 100 years there would be 18,750 young people, and another hundred years would result as follows:

NUMBERS.	YRS.
93750	120
468750	140
2343750	160
11718750	180
58593750	200

Another 100 years.

292968750	220
1464843750	240
7324218750	260
36621093750	280
183105368750	300

Now deduct half of the population thus figured out, and set apart one fourth of the remainder for building purposes, and in 25 years they would build the pyramids and all the ruins in the old world, by working ten hours a day, and then less than five hundred years of the time since the flood would be used.

Brethren, do not fool any more

time away in running after the chronology of scientists to set up against the Bible.

In the Bible Chronology given above as the time of the dominion of sin, we do not presume to say that our years of 365 days shall be settled upon as a Bible year since the time of Christ. We do not know whether it is or not, and this is an unknown quantity. The usual Bible year is 360 days. Using a year of 360 days, the time of the dominion of Sin ended about 1874, and we are therefore living in the preparatory period of changing the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of God.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Old Order Yearly Meeting treasurer has made his report in the *Vindicator* and the total expense was \$1156.18. \$328.22 was realized from the sale of lumber, etc., and there is \$827.66 to be made up by the districts. This seems like considerable expense for an annual meeting for a small church.

J. B. Helwig, D. D., candidate for Governor on the Prohibition ticket in Ohio, delivered an address in Ashland. In his apology for accepting the nomination of the party he said that he had frequently come to Ashland to preach the gospel, and that he felt that he had come to preach the gospel this time also. He held that to destroy the liquor traffic would do more to advance the kingdom of Christ than any other single work that could be done at the present time. During the course of his remarks he asserted that the liquor interests of the Nation had the strongest and most wealthy organization now existing in this country, and it would be impossible ever to make any headway in securing efficient temperance legislation until it was done by an organization designed specially for that purpose. The Dr. was at one time President of the Lutheran College at Springfield, Ohio, was brought up upon a farm and spent a couple of years in a blacksmith shop. He is a courteous, Christian man, common and sociable, a profound scholar and an able speaker. This reform party is justly proud of such a leader.

Eld. Johnson, who used to busy himself making Progressives, has been caught in the toils. See article on last page.

We are in receipt of a copy of the *Advance*, an educational publication issued by the Huntingdon Normal College. Monthly, 16 pages, 5x8 at 50 cents a year. It is devoted largely to the interests of the College. A very nice publication.

The *Gospel Messenger* treats its readers to a long article on 'Complaining.' We might write such an article too. Complainers are a class of people who never do much, and keep themselves busy finding fault with what others do.

Dallas Center, Iowa.

The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not. If all men would accept the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, then this world would be a glorious kingdom. Not all men will accept that light and therefore it will cause contention. But let us think a moment what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for man: He has given his life to save the whole human race. All who will accept that light and his teachings and do them, have the promise of being saved. Matt. 7: 12. Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. If we obey this law, we are not likely to be tried by fire. Gal. 5: 22. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. Matt. 5: 9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

D. SHANK.

Harris Star, Ind.

Our communion is among the things of the past. Truly it was a feast to the soul and we all felt we had our spiritual strength renewed. About forty communed. Bro. DeBolt and his wife came over in the afternoon, which made us all feel good to hear him preach to us. Bro. DeBolt gave us a talk on self-examination. I wish all churches in Indiana would have been there. We are still gaining ground. Pray for us.

J. H. PALMER.

A Sad Accident.

Died Aug. 20, '89, son of J. H. and E. Smith. As most boys love to do, the little boy hitched the team to a clod crusher for the purpose of leveling the fallow ground ready for the drill, when the machine struck a stone, throwing the boy in front of the crusher. It caught his feet and then immediately commenced sliding over his body and when about over his shoulders and head the horses suddenly stopped, and there the poor little fellow lay with his face crushed into the hot earth for the space of two hours, until found by some neighbor who noticed him. Funeral services by Eld. Pliney Irwin.

N. A. FRAME.

Milford, Ind.

Our harvest meeting is in the past. The weather was fine and we had a good time. Bro. Bashor came here and preached four sermons. He was 'loaded for bear,' but he did not take deliberate aim at any single person, but just threw his shot and shell right in the crowd and every one of us was 'hit.' Some were wounded worse than others, but all are convalescing and if too many don't go to the hospital, I think we will be more able to fight the enemy than we were before. Pray for us that we may 'fight the good fight of faith.'

ABRAHAM SHOE.

As State President of the Pennsylvania S. S. C. E., I urge the Presidents of the various branches in Pa., to authorize their Secretaries to make out reports of all they have done during the present year and send them to the State Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. Mollie J. Smouse, Vinco, Pa., to be read before our State Convention convening in connection with the S. S. and Church Convention, Sept. 11, '89, at Masontown. Please be prompt, and make your reports as interesting as possible, as a profitable meeting is desirable.

M. M. STERLING,
State President.

Lily Slyder, Edith, Charles and Grace Folkerth who some time ago came out upon the Lord's side, were this day received by baptism. Grace, who is only eight years old, is the youngest member of the Dayton City Brethren church. The Lord bless these tender lambs and fill their hearts with grace divine enabling them to say every moment until they reach the pearly gates of the eternal city, 'The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.'—S. Kiehl, Dayton, O., Aug. 18, 1889.

Harvest Excursions, 30 Days Time.

Sep. 10th and 24th and Oct. 8th to points in the West, Northwest and Southwest at one fare for the round trip. For particulars call on J. B. Brinton, Agt. Erie Ry., Ashland, O.